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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 10-14 were not considered persasive. Specifically applicant argues that Bode teaches away from knowing the flow restriction through a well screen in pargaraph 0009 to which the examiner notes that this paragraph does not indicate that the flow restriction through the well screen would not be known by the operator only that it isn't adjustable in the wellbore which is not a claimed feature. Applicant further argues that Bode teaches that the operator does not know the degree of flow restriction that is required before the screen is placed in the wellbore which is also not a claimed feature. Applicant further argues that the flow restriction taught by Bode does not meet the limitations of the claims because it is not a gravel/sand packed wellbore screen; such a flow restrictor is taught in paragraph 0063 of Bode. Applicant further argues that White does not teaches a gravel pack creating a progressively decreasing substantially radial flow restriction along its length in Figure 7. The examiner believes that Figure 7 does teach this feature but notes that Figures 4 and 8 show that cement is forced down the tubing string to be placed below the gravel pack and that the forcing of the cement into the annulus around the tubing would cause the cement to penetrate the bottom of the gravel pack thus decreasing the radial flow restriction of the gravel pack..